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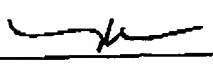
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This Amendment is being filed in response to the Official Action of the Examiner mailed June 2, 2006, setting a three-month shortened statutory period for response ending September 2, 2006. This paper is filed within the set period for response such that no extension of time is necessary.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.